

First Treaty of Lan Exeter

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The sea is free and open. Trade is free. Profit is sacred. Like the trade and profit of your neighbour like your own. To hinder someone's trading and profiting is to break the laws of nature.



- The spirit of the First Exeter Treaty, [The Tower of the Swallow](#)

The **First Exeter Treaty**, also known as the **Mare Liberum Apertum Treaty**, was an agreement drafted and signed by King [Gedovius Troyden](#) and Queen [Gemma](#) representing the kingdom of [Kovir and Poviss](#) on the one side,



and the kings of [Redania](#) and [Kaedwen](#) on the other, mediated by the [Hierarch of Novigrad](#)^[1] [Walter Beda](#).^[2] It was established in ca. 1140 in [Lan Exeter](#), one of the two prominent [Kovirian](#) metropoleis, after the war which resulted in a rather surprising and crushing victory for Kovir and Poviss over the two larger kingdoms.^[1]

Other Exeter Treaties would follow the first one^{[1][2]} and the statement of its preamble would make it onto inscriptions in Kovirian trading towns such as [Valdrest](#).^[3]

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Provisions

Gains for Kovir and Poviss

- *Mare Liberum Apertum* (The Sea is Free and Open). The Trade is Free. Profit is Sacred. The main concern of the Kovirian-Povissite monarchy and of its subjects is trade, which is henceforth to remain free of interference by the [Northern Kingdoms](#).
- Kovir and Poviss recognized as a sovereign kingdom with no ties of vassalage to either Redania, of which Kovir used to be an earldom-appanage in times of [Radovid the Great](#), or to the Kaedwen [House of Topp](#), which claimed rights over the principalities of [Caingorn](#) and [Malleore](#). Both kingdoms were to recognize Kovir and Poviss as an independent, self-governing and neutral entity.^[1]

Gains for Kaedwen and Redania

- [Radovid III](#), the king of Redania was thereafter granted the non-hereditary use of the title of "King of Kovir and Poviss" in official documents for his lifetime.
- [Benda](#), the king of Kaedwen was thereafter granted the non-hereditary use of the title of "Sovereign of Caingorn and Malleore" in official documents for his lifetime.^[1]

References

1. ↑ [1.0](#) [1.1](#) [1.2](#) [1.3](#) [1.4](#) *The Tower of the Swallow*
2. ↑ [2.0](#) [2.1](#) *Wiedźmin: Gra Wyobraźni*
3. ↑ *The Witcher IV*



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